New to Hunting?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is dedicated to introducing people to the American tradition of hunting by offering a wide variety of hunting and shooting programs. These programs are designed to get you in the field with a parent, guardian, or mentor who can focus and provide guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, responsible stewards and ethical conservationists.

To provide plenty of opportunities, Game and Fish is partnering with sportsmen’s groups, gun clubs, and conservation organizations to host mentored events and camps for beginners to assure a positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Below is a listing of some of the upcoming events.

Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more information.

MAY
May 18-19: 3D in the Pines
- 45 target 3D course, with novelties, and a dedicated kids and beginners’ course, some beginning equipment available.
- Location: Flagstaff area, Willard Springs; exit on I-17, 12 miles south of Flagstaff
- Hosted by: Flagstaff Archers
- Register: Martin Martin, (928) 853-2298, www.flagstaffarchers.com, flagarchers@yahoo.com

JUNE
June 15: NWTF Huachuca Gould’s J.A.K.E.S. Day
- Youth ages 8-17 learn the beginning skills of target shooting, how to call and hunt wild turkeys, and w...
OCTOBER

Oct. 4-6: Unit 1 Squirrel Camp
• Learn about hunting tree squirrels for beginners, other outdoor skills activities, food provided.
• Location: Pinetop/Lakeside, Los Burros Campground, Unit 1
• Hosted by: Game and Fish, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Arizona Elk Society
• Register: Game and Fish Pinetop office, (928) 367-4281

Oct. 10-13: RMEF 6A Junior Elk Hunter Information Camp
• Thursday (at 4:30 p.m.) activities include a seminar on elk, hunting tips, game care, a raffle, and dinner. Snacks, drinks and guidance offered Friday-Sunday at 11 a.m.
• Location: Mormon Lake, St. Joe'sh Youth Camp, Unit 6A
• Hosted by: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
• Information: Clair Harris, clair-linda@q.com

Oct. 10-13: AES 6A Juniors Elk Hunter’s Camp
• Thursday offers free dinner, tips on finding elk, meat care, safety, prizes and more. Support for game locating, retrieval and more offered throughout the weekend.
• Location: Happy Jack Lodge, Unit 6A
• Hosted by: Arizona Elk Society
• Information: www.arizonaelksociety.org, (623) 594-7074

Oct. 10-13: YOU Juniors Elk Camp
• Guidance on hunting elk, camping, other outdoor activities, elk retrieval, field dressing assistance, and food provided.
• Location: White Mountains, Sheep Corral in the Greens Peak area, Units 1 & 2C
• Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Arizona Elk Society, Game and Fish
• Registration is required at www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Oct. 11-13: MDF Pumpkin Center Junior Deer Camp
• Deer hunting tips, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.
• Location: Pumpkin Center (Roosevelt Lake area), Unit 22, 23
• Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, TheArizona-Hunter.com
• Information: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org, (623) 696-5579

Oct. 10-13: ADA Junior Deer Camp
• Deer hunting information and guidance, biology and habits, food, campfire.
• Location: Cordes Lakes area, Unit 21, 20B
• Hosted by: Arizona Deer Association
• Information: www.azdeer.org, Scott Streich, azace@cox.net

Oct. 10-12: Kaibab Deer Junior’s Base Camp
• Kaibab deer hunting information and assistance, biology and habits, some food, campfire.
• Location: North Rim Grand Canyon, Unit 12A, SR22 & FR429
• Hosted by: Buckskin Chapter Arizona Deer Association
• Information: Rich Leightner, releightner@thebigpond.com, (928) 645-9669

Oct. 13: Predator Calling and Shooting Training for Youth
• Firearm safety and basic training for hunting and calling predator species, followed by .22 rifle steel target shooting and lunch.
• Location: S.W. Tucson, Three Points Public Shooting Range
• Hosted by: Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers, Tucson Rifle Club
• Register: Roger Kreitzberg, president@soazwildlifecallers.org

Oct. 18-20: Youth Shooting Clinic and Small Game Hunting Camp
• Learn to hunt from experienced hunters, shooting instruction, seminars, camping, food.
• Location: Yuma area
• Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC, Game and Fish
• Information: Game and Fish, Chris Bedinger, CBedinger@azgfd.gov

Learn Outdoor Skills: Hunt, Trap, Fish, Shoot, Wildlife Recreation

Interested, but not ready to go hunting yet?
Don’t worry, we still want you to come on out and see what the outdoor experience is all about. Hunting is just one portion of these events. Many of these camps are also open to people wishing to learn more about wildlife biology, ecology and its habits; target shooting; archery; wildlife viewing; camping; camaraderie and more. If you are interested, just contact the camp host and let them know.
NOVEMBER
Nov. 7-10: Team Young Gunz Ms. Adventurez Deer Camp
- Ladies, come learn how to successfully hunt Coes white-tailed deer in Southern Arizona from experienced hunters, firearm safety, centralized group camping area. Space is limited.
- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A, 36B, 36C
- Hosted by: Team Young Gunz
- Register: Carl Young, carl@teamyounggunz.com

Nov. 9-11: Trapping Education Course & Campout
- Certified trapper’s education course focused on using cage traps, followed by hands-on trapping activity, skinning, stretching and fur handling demonstrations, camping available on site, some meals.
- Location: Chino Valley
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, Don (928) 636-0585

Nov. 22-24: Unit 42 Junior Deer Camp
- Assistance from experienced hunters on tips and tactics for hunting deer, other activities, food, and prizes.
- Location: Wickenburg area, Unit 42
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Craig Heath, cheath@azgfd.gov or (928) 856-0764

Nov. 22-24: YOU Unit 20C Junior Deer Camp
- Assistance from experienced hunters on tips and tactics for hunting deer, other activities, food, and prizes.
- Location: Peeples Valley, Unit 20C
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Game and Fish
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Nov. 22-24: AZSCI Junior’s Deer Hunt Camp
- Deer hunting tips and tactics for the area from experienced hunters, centralized group camping area, some food provided.
- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A, 36B
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International
- Information: Lisa Marie Gandara, (520) 312-8095, azsci@yahoo.com

DECEMBER
Dec. 7-8: Picket Post Small Game Hunting Camp
- Geared toward new and novice hunters. Includes instruction and mentoring on small game hunting (dove, quail, rabbits and coyotes), and shooting techniques; food and firearms are provided.
- Location: Superior, Picket Post Mtn., Unit 24B
- Hosted by: Red Bear Outfitters, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Game and Fish, Arizona Outdoor Sports
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

2014 EVENTS
Early January: Pintail Slough Junior Waterfowl Camp
- Introduction to waterfowl hunting for new youth hunters and their families, shotgun shooting and safety; 3D archery; air gun range; fishing and more.
- Location: Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Lake Havasu NWR
- Register: Luke Apfel, lapfel@azgfd.gov

Jan. 18, 2014: Wickenburg Youth Target Shooting Event
- Bring your kids out to learn how to safely shoot archery, air rifles, .22 rifles, and shotguns.
- Location: Wickenburg Shooting Range
- Hosted by: Wickenburg Sportsmen’s Club, Game and Fish
- Information: Craig Heath, cheath@azgfd.gov or (928) 856-0764

Jan. 24-26, 2014: Beginners Small Game & Junior Javelina Camp
- Camp with other hunters and Wildlife Managers to learn tips on where and how to hunt quail and rabbits (all ages), and javelina for youth with 37B tags, some meals provided.
- Location: Florence area, Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters
- Register: Game and Fish, John McGeehee (520) 628-5376

Jan. 24-26, 2014: YOU 20C Juniors Javelina Camp
- Learn to locate and hunt javelina in the area, other outdoor activities, campout, food provided.
- Location: Hillside, Unit: 20C
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Contact: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Feb. 15-17, 2014: Youth Trappers Camp
- Certified trapper’s class for youth 10-17, followed by hands-on practice of wildlife trapping, equipment and supplies provided, primitive camping available onsite, some meals.
- Location: Mayer, Chauncey Ranch
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, Bob Rhoton (928) 532-5776

March 7-9, 2014: Junior’s Jackrabbit Kamp
- Learn to hunt jackrabbits, and other outdoor skills; hunter education required, space is limited to beginners; food provided.
- Location: Tucson area, Three Points
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International, Game and Fish
- Register: Karen Klima KKlima@azgfd.gov, (520) 975-6490

April 18-20, 2014: Marvin Robbins Junior’s Spring Turkey Hunting Camp
- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping, and food.
- Location: Happy Jack area, Units 6A, 5A, 5B
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Outdoor Experience 4 All, Arizona Bowhunters Association, Xtreme Predator Callers, Game and Fish
- Contact: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com

April 18-20, 2014: Marvin Robbins Junior’s Spring Turkey Hunting Camp
- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping, and food.
- Locations: Payson area, Colcord Ridge Campground, Units 23, 4A, 4B, 3C
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Game and Fish
- Contact: Rich Williams, azgobbler60@gmail.com

April 19-21, 2014: Wallow Fire Turkey Science and Hunting Camp
- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, wildlife and wildlife sciences, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping, and food.
- Location: White Mountain area, Unit 1, 27
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Game and Fish
- Information: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com